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TRANSMITTAL-RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Attached hereto is a Response to Restriction Requirement mailed December 4, 2002.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, in which the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claim 1, drawn to a protein, classified in class 530, subclass 300.
- II. Claims 2-6 and 8-17, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:2, constructs and vectors comprising that nucleic acid, cells and plants transformed with the nucleic acid, a method of using the nucleic acid to

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- modulate disease resistance in a plant and a method of using it to modulate the level of a protein in a plant, classified in class 800, subclass 301.
- III. Claim 7, drawn to a DNA construct comprising a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO: 2 operably linked to a promoter of SEQ ID NO:3, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1.
- IV. Claims 18-24, drawn to a promoter of SEQ ID NO:3, constructs and vectors comprising that promoter, cells transformed with the vector, and a method of using the promoter to regulate the expression of a nucleic acid in a plant, classified in class 536, subclass 24.1.

Applicants hereby provisionally elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group IV, claims 18-24, drawn to a promoter of SEQ ID NO:3, constructs and vectors comprising that promoter, cells transformed with the vector, and a method of using the promoter to regulate the expression of a nucleic acid in a plant, classified in class 536, subclass 24.1, and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Applicants acknowledge entry of the amendments to the claims filed on September 26, 2002. Applicants will amend the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 in response to the First Office Action on the merits.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those, which may be otherwise provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §

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